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SUBJECT: MBFR: SEPTEMBER 12 NAC MEETING

REF: STATE 179893

1. PER DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE (REFTEL, PARA 11), EMBOFF
ADVANCED PROPOSED US FORMULATION FOR PARA 7 OF ALLIANCE
POSITION PAPER IN DISCUSSION WITH RUTH AND GESCHER.
EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THAT THE TERM "COMBAT CAPABILITY" IN
PARA 7 ALREADY ENCOMPASSED "EQUIPMENT",
THAT THE HEART OF THE ALLIANCE POSITION WAS DEMAND FOR
THE REDUCTION OF A SOVIET TANK ARMY FROM EAST GERMANY
AND THAT PROPOSALS TENDING TOWARD AN EQUIPMENT COMMON
CEILING COULD MAKE SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF COMMON CEILING
CONCEPT AND SECOND PHASE MORE DIFFICULT TO ATTAIN.

2. FONOFF REPS NOTED THAT THIS US POSITION WOULD NOT
PLEASE THE BRITISH AND SAID FRG HAD PREVIOUSLY SOUGHT
COMPROMISE TO RECONCILE US AND UK POSITIONS. WITHOUT
MAKING COMMITMENT, FONOFF REPS DID ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT US ARGUMENTATION WAS RELEVANT FOR GERMAN CONCERN

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OVER COMMON CEILING AND SECOND PHASE.

3. COMMENT: WE THINK FRG WILL GO ALONG ON THE POINT,
ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT AT SEPTEMBER 12 NAC SESSION.
HILLENBRAND

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